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**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2006-2009)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 96

WHEREAS the Members of the National Assembly of the Ninth Parliament of Guyana, at this Sitting of the Assembly note that July 26, 2009 marked the 56th Anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in Cuba, which is regarded as the defining moment of the Cuban Revolution that triumphed on January 1, 1959;

AND WHEREAS over those five decades the Government and people of Cuba have made tremendous strides in the development of their country despite the imposition of the economic embargo by successive United States Administrations;

AND WHEREAS the Government and people of Cuba in spite of daunting constraints have maintained international solidarity with developing countries by continuing to offer development assistance to countries in the Americas, Africa and Asia;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Cuba has rendered consistently valuable assistance to the Government and people of Guyana, over these five decades and more especially since the inception of diplomatic ties with Guyana in 1972, particularly in the areas of tertiary training in education specifically in health; providing highly qualified health care practitioners for over 30 years to Guyana's health care system; the inclusion in "Operation Miracle" of thousands of Guyanese who have benefited from eye surgery and treatment in Cuba; the extension of assistance of medical academic professionals and

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provision of educational equipment for the UG School of Medicine, and, the provision of expertise, human and technical, and major material resources that have allowed the construction, equipping and operationalising of the four regional hospitals for the benefit of Guyanese;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has consistently supported calls and actions at all regional and international fora for the cessation of the United States economic embargo on Cuba;

AND WHEREAS in recognition of the recent reversal of the 1962 Resolution which had expelled Cuba from the Organisation of American States (OAS), note is taken that the Government of Guyana continues to support the full involvement of Cuba in the activities of the community of nations at both the hemispheric and international levels;

AND WHEREAS Guyana and Cuba share common interests and concerns primarily in the areas of sustainable development, economic equity and social justice, equitable trade relations and the concern for the vulnerability of the smaller economies;

AND WHEREAS Guyana's call for a new Global Human adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in November 2000 is similar to those adumbrated by the Government of Cuba towards equity and justice;

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly conveys to the Cuban Government and people congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Revolution;

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FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly on behalf of the Guyanese people conveys its deepest appreciation to the Government and people of Cuba for their sacrifice and unstinting support given to our Government, people and country over decades; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly, while being heartened by statements made by President Barack Obama, encourages the United States administration to advance efforts to improve and restore normal relations with Cuba.

Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 6th August, 2009.

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